

October 5, 2001

Notice of Ex Parte Communication

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 00-39, *DTV Biennial Review*

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, Valerie Schulte, Karen Kirsch, and the undersigned met with Susan Eid, Susanna Zwerling, Stacy Robinson, Catherine Bohigian, and Rick Chessen to discuss issues related to the transition to digital television.

We stressed the urgent need for the Commission to reach a decision on procedures to be used by commercial television broadcasters needing an extension of the May 2002 construction deadline for DTV facilities. We also argued the related need for the Commission to reconsider its decisions concerning construction deadlines for maximized UHF DTV facilities and for replication of analog service areas by DTV stations. Relief for broadcasters on both of these items, we pointed out, would permit more stations to be on the air with digital facilities earlier than they would be able to under the existing rules.

We provided copies of the NAB survey of stations concerning build-out schedules we submitted in this docket on August 14, 2001, as well as copies of another ex parte notice filed by NAB in this proceeding on July 5, 2001.


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Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack N. Goodman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jack" being more prominent.

Jack N. Goodman

cc: Susan Eid
Susanna Zwerling
Stacy Robinson
Catherine Bohigian
Rick Chessen